

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1243

By Cobb

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the late Hershel Talley upon the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor the memory of a remarkable professional who during his lifetime rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2004, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting thirteen worthy people into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2004 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes the late Hershel Talley, who was renowned and respected throughout the Walking Horse industry as a "horseman's horseman"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Talley was truly a gifted Walking Horse trainer, hailing from Baileyton, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Hershel Talley wore the title of "trainer" with the utmost probity and integrity and performed his duties with singular ability; he served as a great salesman and promoter for the Walking Horse industry and was an exceptional entertainer in the show ring; and

WHEREAS, sadly, Mr. Talley has passed from this world to a far better existence; and

WHEREAS, by means of his induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Hershel Talley has posthumously earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and we should pay homage to his life of purpose, commitment and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of the late Hershel Talley on the occasion of his posthumous induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame, as we warmly remember his consummate career spent in service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.